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SUMMARY. BY LTR DTD NOV. 13 TO EKLUND, MISSION REPLIED TO EKLUND'S LTR OF SEPT 13. COPIES OF NOV. 13 LTR ALSO HAD BEEN SENT ALBA ANDRADE AND AMBASSADOR SCHMILL ORDONEZ. SCHMILL HAS WRITTEN TO EKLUND ASKING HIM TO SEEK AN EXTENSION OF USAEC DEADLINE FOR ENRICHMENT SERVICES CONTRACT FROM DEC 31, 1973 59 "AT LEAST APRIL 30, 1974." END SUMMARY. ACTION REQUESTED: ADVICE UPON WHICH TO BASE MISSION'S REPLY TO SUCH REQUEST FROM EKLUND, EXPECTED SHORTLY.

1. MISSION REPLIED BY LTR DTD NOV 13, COPIES POUCHED ADRESSEES (WEBBER, AMMONS, SIMONPIETRI), TO EKLUND'S LTR OF SEPT 13 (PREVIOUSLY POUCHED ADRESSEES).

2. OUR NOV 13 LETTER FOLLOWS OUTLINE DISCUSSED REFTEL A, INCLUDES PERTINENT INFO PROVIDED REFTELS B AND C, AND INCLUDES STRONG SUGGESTION THAT SECRETARIAT BEGIN REVIEW DRAFT AEC CONTRACT.
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RE PARA 8 REFTEL A, OUR LTR REFERS TO DEC 31, 1973 DEADLINE

FOR EXECUTION OF ENRICHMENT SERVICES CONTRACTS WITH USAEC FOR
CASES IN WHICH INITIAL DELIVERY REQUIRED PRIOR JULY 1, 1978.
LTR THEN GOES ON TO STATE:

"I AM PLEASED TO NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT CONSIDERATION IS
BEING GIVEN BY THE AEC TO MODIFYING THIS REQUIREMENT
TO ALLOW SOME FLEXIBILITY IN EXTENDING THE DEADLINE IN
CASES WHERE EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST. TAKING
INTO ACCOUNT THE NATURE OF THE MANY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE
AGENCY AND THE MEXICAN AUTHORITIES OVER THE PAST YEAR OR
SO CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF THE ENRICHED URANIUM FUEL
SUPPLY FOR MEXICO'S FIRST POWER REACTOR, AND THE FACT
THAT THE DECEMBER 31 DEADLINE, FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES,
IS IMPOSSIBLE TO MEET, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THERE ARE
INDEED EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE.
WE HOPE TO BE IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION
ON THIS ASPECT OF THE MATTER IN THE NEAR FUTURE."

3. AMB. SCHMILL ORDONEZ HAS SENT MISSION COPY HIS
LTR TO EKLUND OF DEC 4 (COPIES POUCHED ADDRESSEES) SOLE SUBJECT
OF LTR IS EXTENSION OF DEC 31, 1973 DEADLINE. SCHMILL'S LTR
TO EKLUND NOTES WITH INTEREST STATEMENT IN OUR NOV 13 LTR,
QUOTED ABOVE, AND GOES ON TO STATE (IN AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION):"
I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SEEKING FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION
OF THE USA THE AGREEMENT OF ITS GOVERNMENT TO EXTEND THE
AFOREMENTIONED PERIOD "(I.E. THE DEC 31, 1973 DEADLINE)
"AT LEAST UNTIL APRIL 30, 1974, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION
THE NECESSARY INVOLVEMENT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AT
ITS MEETING IN FEBRUARY 1974, AND IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE
NECESSARY TIME FOR THE FINAL NEGOTIATION OF THIS MATTER."
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